

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2007
STEPHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COURT HOUSE ANNEX
9:30 A.M. WORK SESSION
10:00 A.M. MEETING

PRESENT: Commissioners Kenneth Peeples, Rex Anderson, and Harold Andrews; Interim County Administrator / Finance Director Phyllis Ayers; County Attorney Brian Ranck; and Human Resources Patsy Browning.

Commissioner Kenneth Peeples called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed those present. Phillip Teasley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the agenda with three changes.

1. TABLE ITEM #2 UNDER OLD BUSINESS UNTIL OCTOBER 2007 TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE AND THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT JOB DESCRIPTION.
2. ADD ITEM #5 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT WITH ACCG FOR FUNDING OF THE NEW COUNTY JAIL
3. ADD ITEM #6 TO REVIEW DRAWINGS FOR A STEPHENS COUNTY SEAL

Motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 REGULAR MEETING.

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. TIM HALE TO UPDATE COMMISSION ON ROADSIDE LITTER.

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a listing of names to serve on the committee and approve the charge of the committee to present to the Commissioners in January 2008 along with an initiative report, statement of goals and recommendations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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| 1. Tim Hale | 2. Linda Wilson (KTSCB) |
| 3. Matthew Steele (Rotary) | 4. Wendy Bailey (Chamber of Commerce) |
| 5. Bill Wheeler (Ga. Baptist) | 6. Brenda Kelley (Schools) |
| 7. Bob Troup (City of Toccoa) | |

2. CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE AND THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT JOB DESCRIPTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to table this item until the October 9, 2007 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ADOPTION RESOLUTION FOR STEPHENS COUNTY PANDEMIC FLU RESPONSE PLAN

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the signing of the resolution that was previously adopted April 10, 2007. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED PLAN FOR STEPHENS COUNTY TO ENTER INTO, WITH ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN GEORGIA, A MULTIYEAR CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWAL, FOR THE PURCHASE BY STEPHENS COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF O.C.G.A SECTION 36-60-13, OF NEW COUNTY JAIL FACILITIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to open a public hearing to the floor for comments. No comments were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to close the public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. AWARD BID#07-0002 2008 PATROL CAR FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to award the bid for the Sheriff's patrol car to Toccoa Ford. Toccoa Ford had the lowest bid with the local preference rule. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. CONSIDER SIGNING A RESOLUTION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE MOUNTAIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO FUND AN INVESTIGATOR'S SALARY AND BENEFITS AT \$47,472.00 PER YEAR TO THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Finance Director Phyllis Ayers stated that this position was an approved amendment to the fiscal year 2008 budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to sign the resolution as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. CONSIDER SIGNING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH BANKS COUNTY

County Attorney Brian Ranck, Finance Director Phyllis Ayers, and E911 Director Rex Nelms stated that this agreement is not a binding of funding to Stephens County but more of a "gentleman's agreement." E911 Director Rex Nelms discussed with the Commission the need to share resources in cases of emergencies and staffing needs. These people are already trained and operate the same equipment that we do and are a financial benefit to the current operating budget due to the benefits being paid by the county of employment for this personnel. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to sign an E911 mutual aid agreement with Banks County. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT WITH ACCG FOR FUNDING OF THE NEW COUNTY JAIL

County Attorney Brian Ranck and Finance Director Phyllis Ayers stated the resolution has been reviewed by them and the bond counsel for this financing and have no issues. A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to adopt the resolution as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. REVIEW DRAWINGS OF STEPHENS COUNTY SEAL

Commissioner Anderson presented several sketches for a Stephens County seal done by an employee at the E911 center. He stated that in the research of the Stephens County Historic Courthouse Restoration Authority, Stephens County does not have a county seal and they would like to place a county seal on the flooring of the courthouse in the middle of the cross section. Commissioner Andrews suggested that we gather ideas and input

from citizens and artists. Phyllis Ayers suggested that we get the Currahee Artist's Guild involved and would be glad to make a phone call to the association. A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews and seconded by Commissioner Peeples to gather other input from local groups for a county seal. **Motion carried unanimously.**

V. INVOICES OVER \$5000.00

1. DYLCO PAVING – SWEET GUM ROAD \$7,290.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the Dylco Paving, Inc. invoice for Sweet Gum Road at \$7,290.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

VI. MATTERS FROM CITIZENS

1. CHRIS IRVIN – WARD'S CREEK ROAD

Phyllis Ayers stated that Chris Irvin was called out of town and would not be present today.

VII. MATTERS FROM DEPARTMENTS

There were no matters from departments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Andrews. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2007

Kenneth Peeples, Chairman

Attest:

Phyllis Ayers, Finance Director